



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Colorado enjoyed some much needed moisture last week. Most areas continue to report amounts well below average for this time of year. After a break from higher temperatures the previous week, the heat returned to Colorado. Areas reported temperatures from five to 10 degrees above average. Producers had an average of 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	21	40	37	2
Last Week	18	42	37	3
Last Year	7	22	68	3

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	15	43	40	2
Last Week	15	41	41	3
Last Year	21	41	37	1

Small Grains: Winter wheat was 48 percent seeded and 12 percent emerged by the end of last week. This is behind last year and the 5-year average. Spring wheat was 99 percent harvested by the end of the week.

Row Crops: Sorghum was 98 percent turning color, 56 percent mature, and 8 percent harvested. The crop is in mostly good condition. Dry onions were 67 percent harvested and in mostly good condition. Sunflowers were 24 percent harvested and rated in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were 58 percent harvested and in mostly excellent condition. Fall potatoes were 30 percent harvested and in mostly good to fair condition. Corn was 90 percent dent, 60 percent mature, and 6 percent harvested by the end of the week. Seventy-nine percent of the corn silage crop was harvested by week's end. The corn crop is in mostly good condition. Sugarbeets were 7 percent harvested and in mostly good condition. Dry beans were 61 percent cut and 37 percent harvested, with the crop in mostly good condition.

ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 23, 2007

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	2	3	18	57	20
Last Year	5	14	23	42	16
Sorghum					
This Week	0	0	21	66	13
Last Year	1	10	27	60	2

Alfalfa Hay: Third cutting was 85 percent complete with 4th cutting 14 percent complete by the end of the week. The crop is in mostly good to fair condition.

Pasture and Range: Conditions decreased last week and are now rated in mostly fair to good.

Livestock: Death loss for cattle was reported at average while sheep were slightly below average last week. Livestock is rated in mostly good condition. Stored feed supplies are above average for this time of year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 23, 2007

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range	3	10	41	39	7
Prev. Year	10	28	38	22	2
5-Year Avg.	16	28	34	20	2

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Development Ratings for Week Ending September 23, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Seeded	48	24	64	65
Emerged	12	0	21	21
Spring Wheat				
Harvested	99	93	95	97
Corn				
Dent	90	80	94	90
Mature	60	39	51	43
Harvested	6	2	4	3
Corn Silage				
Harvested	79	59	83	70
Sorghum				
Turning Color	98	82	70	71
Mature	56	42	37	33
Harvested	8	5	2	2
Sunflowers				
Harvested	24	7	4	8
Alfalfa				
3 rd Cutting	85	76	85	78
4 th Cutting	14	5	24	21
Dry Onions				
Harvested	67	56	70	71
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	7	2	11	8
Summer Potatoes				
Harvested	58	45	75	74
Fall Potatoes				
Harvested	30	19	32	32
Dry Beans				
Cut	61	47	77	74
Harvested	37	20	55	45

COLORADO CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	2	3	18	57	20
Sorghum	0	0	21	66	13
Sunflowers	1	1	9	72	17
Alfalfa	1	5	25	47	22
Dry Beans	0	2	22	64	12
Summer Potatoes	0	2	12	36	50
Fall Potatoes	0	7	33	47	13
Sugarbeets	0	3	16	64	17
Dry Onions	0	4	14	55	27
Livestock	1	2	12	68	17

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

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